



## Mr. LaValle Darden

July 2, 1956 - September 21, 2024

Lavalle Darden was born on July 2, 1956 in Detroit, MI. He was the third child of Nancy Pearl Darden and James Darden. Lavalle accepted Christ at an early age and attended MacKenzie High School in Detroit, MI. Shortly after high school, at the age of 18, he enlisted in the Army National Guard, serving from June 18, 1974, to March 26, 1980. After six years of dedicated service, he pursued a career at CSX Railroad. He started as a carman and worked his way up to a Safety Foreman Supervisor, retiring after 36 years.”

On May 18, 1976, Lavalle married Della Reice Davis. They shared 48 years of marriage, building a loving family together in Detroit, MI. Lavalle was a devoted Christian and attended Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit. His career with CSX led the family through various relocations, including Trotwood, OH; Rocky Mount, NC; Beech Island, SC; Augusta, GA; and finally back to Detroit, MI. At the time of his passing, he resided in Hephzibah, GA. Lavalle was a devoted husband, father, pawpaw, brother, uncle, son, and friend. He found joy in the simple pleasures of life bowling, fishing, classic cars, grilling, and enjoying great music. One thing everyone remembers him for is his immaculate yard. No matter where he lived or the weather conditions, Lavalle maintained a yard that was the envy of the neighborhood. Lavalle had a unique presence that left a lasting impression wherever he went. Whether it was his infectious smile or his signature celebratory fist pump with a shout of “Ho -Ho,” he could brighten any room. He shared a unique and special bond with his grandchildren-they were truly his world. He was always

there for them, whether fixing things, building or taking them apart, being a listening ear or simply making sure they were taken care of.

On September 21, 2024, Lavallo lost his battle with cancer, just 26 days after his diagnosis, while visiting family in Detroit, MI. He was preceded in death by his father, James Darden; his grandparents, Isiah Wynn (Katie) and Mary Wynn; his uncle, Isiah Wynn Jr; his aunt, Cecilia Wynn; his nephew, Larry "Peanut" Darden and Best friend Winston Ware.

Lavallo leaves to cherish his memory his loving wife of 48 years, Della Darden; his mother, Nancy Darden; three daughters: Latisha Eccles (Dennis), Markeisha Darden, and Lashawn Humphrey (Johnnie); one son, Lavallo Fields; nine grandchildren: Jayla, Michael, Janiya, Mark, Briana, Jayden, Janyah, Ravon (RJ) and Kaelani (KK). Plus six bonus grandchildren Lil Shawn, Nicholas, Kai, Cameron, Karrington and Colby. He also leaves behind four brothers: Larry, Eric (Naomi), Harold (Tia), and Charles (Cher); two sisters: Michelle and Denores; and his closest friend, Eddie Ware. He will be remembered by a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, in-laws, and friends.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

Monday, Sep. **30**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
Detroit, MI 48227  
(313) 838-9770  
info@pyefuneralhome.com

## Family Hour

Tuesday, Oct. **1**. 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
17600 Plymouth Road  
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## Celebration of Life

Tuesday, Oct. **1**. 5:30 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home  
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# Tribute Wall

LH

“ 1 file added to the album *Official Obit*



Lashawn Humphrey - October 07, 2024 at 11:32 AM

JS

“ I had the pleasure to meet the Darden family in 2019. I was surrounded with so much Love. This is really an amazing family. Sending my condolences & praying for the family...J. Simpson ~

J. Simpson - September 30, 2024 at 06:39 AM

JS

“ J. Simpson lit a candle in memory of LaValle Darden



J. Simpson - September 30, 2024 at 06:29 AM

CB

“ Sending our Love and condolences to the family during this difficult time. Love the Beasley Family.

Carmen Beasley - September 28, 2024 at 09:39 PM

SW

“ So sorry for your loss Nancy and family. I hope with each loving memory of LaValle, that it will soften the grief you feel right now. I only met him once or twice, however I felt welcomed in his home. I will cherish that welcomed spirit in my heart always. So family, continue to cherish that special place he had in each of our hearts, for the love he shared and the happiness he brought. My condolences. Mrs. Sylvia Wynn.

Sylvia Moon Wynn - September 28, 2024 at 07:20 PM

MS

“ Marshall Blaise Bell, Sr. purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Mr. LaValle Darden.



Marshall Blaise Bell, Sr. - September 28, 2024 at 02:48 PM

LC

“ Prayers of loving comfort and support are said for Cousin Nancy Darden & the Darden family from Leila & family in Macon. We are praying for your strength and holding you close in our hearts until we see you again to hold you close in person. Rest in Peace Cousin LaVelle.

Leila Chambliss - September 27, 2024 at 05:34 PM



“ Dreams From the Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. LaValle Darden.



September 27, 2024 at 03:45 PM

TA

“ *The Purple Agency planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. LaValle Darden.*

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**The Purple Agency** - September 27, 2024 at 03:45 PM

SR

“ *Sending prayers and condolences to the Darden Family. Also sending love & prayers of comfort to Markeisha & the girls.*

*Shay Ross*

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**Shay Ross** - September 25, 2024 at 09:57 AM

KC

“ *Lavalle was a figure that I will never forget! Was always like a second dad to me! I love you Lavalle always! My condolences go out to Mrs Della Keisha janiya and Jayla and all family of the dardens ! Best father in law ever!!!*

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**Kevin Crumbley** - September 25, 2024 at 09:12 AM

SM

“ *Sending loving thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Della, Markeisha, LaShawn and the rest of the family. PawPaw was definitely one of a kind and truly a great father and grandfather. He and Mrs. Della have always welcomed my family and I with opens arms. PawPaw your presence will be greatly missed.*

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**Shenika Mealing** - September 23, 2024 at 11:30 PM

MA

“ *Deepest Sympathies To The Darden Family: LaValle will be in your Hearts Forever. He will be Remembered and Deeply Missed by all family and friends who knew and loved him. May the God of all Comfort be with your family at this Difficult time: 2Cor 1:3,4.*

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**Maria A** - September 23, 2024 at 12:50 PM